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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 39 pages, including 2 independent claims and 44 claims total.
2. Drawings - 2 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-2).

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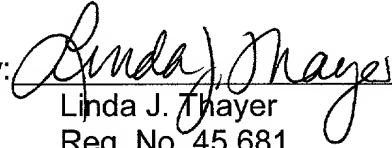
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